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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

Re: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
United States National Phase Entry of PCT/CA99/00250
Entitled: Aliphatic Amino Carboxylic and Amino Phosphonic Acids,
Amino Nitriles and Amino Tetrazoles as Ceullular Rescue Agents
Inventors: Lilian Dyck, Bruce A. Davis, Ya-Dong Liu, D.A. Durden,
Alan A. Boulton and I. Alick Paterson

We are simultaneously entering national phase in the United States for PCT/CA99/00250. The present letter is to file a Preliminary Amendment to the application. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 8, 9, 10, 16 and 24 as follows:

8. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 7] in the form of a hydrochloride salt.
9. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 4] wherein m is an integer from 1 to 12.
10. (Amended) A compound according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 4] wherein m is an integer from 1 to 9.